

03 CO  
#3

A circular black ink stamp from the OIPE Patent &amp; Trademark Office. The text "OIPE JC186" is curved along the top inner edge. The date "AUG 27 2001" is stamped in the center. The text "PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE" is curved along the bottom inner edge.

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

$$\begin{array}{c} ) \\ ) \\ ) \\ ) \\ ) \\ ) \\ ) \\ ) \\ ) \\ ) \end{array}$$

)

)

)

)

)

)

)

)

)

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

## BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

X Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application.

X No additional fee is required.

					Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
Total					x \$ 9	-0-	x \$ 18	-0-
Independent					x \$ 40	-0-	x \$ 80	-0-
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					x \$135	-0-	x \$270	-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$-0-			

Commissioner for Patents  
Application No. 09/864,647

Page 2

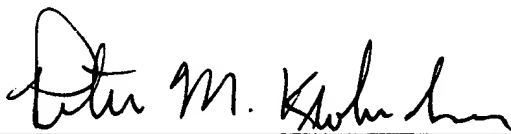
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

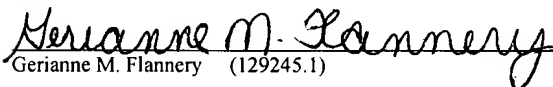
Date: August 24, 2001

By:   
Peter M. Klobuchar, Reg. No. 43,772  
WALLENSTEIN & WAGNER, LTD.  
311 S. Wacker Drive, 53rd Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6622  
312.554.3300

---

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8a)**

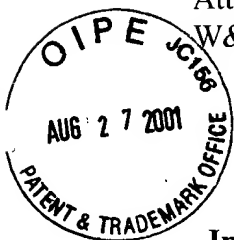
I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT, Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on August 24, 2001.

  
Gerianne M. Flannery (129245.1)

#3/ReA

Attorney Docket No. F-5729  
W&W Ref: 1417P P 592

PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>In re U.S. Patent Application of:</b>	)
<b>Kok-Hwee Ng et al.</b>	)
	)
<b>Serial No: 09/864,647</b>	) <b>Examiner: Unknown</b>
	)
<b>Filed: May 24, 2001</b>	) <b>Art Unit:</b>
	)
<b>For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR</b>	)
<b>TRACKING A BLOOD COLLECTION</b>	)
<b>KIT IN A BLOOD COLLECTION</b>	)
<b>FACILITY</b>	)
	)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please delete the noted paragraphs and replace them with paragraphs printed below (marked up copies of the corresponding pages are attached as Attachments A, B, and C).

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 5 at line 30 and ending on page 6 at line 12 with the following paragraph:

---

- - The present invention is directed to an apparatus or system for collecting, using, and

a'